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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

My family vehemently opposes the request made by the trade association USTelecom to do away with Section 251(c)(3) the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Our internet/phone provider uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNE) for our service. Our internet service provider, Sonic, needs to have access to UNE, and we understand we will be materially affected if the USTelecom petition is granted.

We do not understand why the FCC doesn't support competition in the broadband market. The FCC needs to keep regulations that enable consumers like us to afford good telephone and internet connections.

Who will benefit if you deregulate? We choose our provider because it give use good service at a very good price. Because of COMPETITION!! We strongly believe internet and telephone services are absolute necessities and the pricing should continuer to be regulated by the FCC.

The FCC should be working for the good of all the American people, not corporations who want to create a monopoly and raise prices. You need to remember to do what you say you do on your website:

"In its work facing economic opportunities and challenges associated with rapidly evolving advances in global communications, the agency capitalizes on its competencies in:

Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities" Supporting the nation's economy by ensuring an appropriate competitive framework for the unfolding of the communications revolution."

Thank you for reading my comments. I sincerely hope you make the correct decision and keep the regulations intact so the quality and lower cost of our broadband and phone service can continue.

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